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**PRESTEIGNE**  
**URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL  
REPORT**

**for the Year 1955**



of the

**Medical Officer of Health**



# Presteigne Urban District Council

## 1955 Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

St. David's,  
Presteigne.

To the Chairman and Members of the Presteigne Urban  
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report on the  
Health of the Urban District for 1955.

The health of the District remains good and there  
have been no major epidemics.

The housing conditions throughout the town are  
fair, although there remains much to be done with regard  
to the repair or demolition of some old premises. There  
would appear to be a need for more small housing units  
for elderly people or small families.

If this Council wishes to encourage industry in  
Presteigne to the extent that further houses are to be  
built, then it must tackle the problems of water and  
sewage disposal.

The samples of water which have been tested have  
been satisfactory.

It is unfortunate that strenuous efforts have so far  
not produced a Sanitary Inspector and it is to be hoped  
that something can be arranged with adjoining councils  
for the services of a Sanitary Inspector on a part-time  
basis.

In the meantime I have to thank the Clerk for his  
liaison over Public Health matters.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

DAVID WALKER,

Medical Officer of Health.

# Staff of the Public Health Department

Medical Officer of Health. David Walker, M.A., M.R.C.S.,  
L.R.C.P.

Clerk of the Council Cecil Sellers

## Section A.

### STATISTICS and SOCIAL CONDITIONS of the AREA.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	2718
Population	...	...	...	1260
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	...	483
Rateable value of the area	...	...	...	£4507
Sum represented by a 1d. rate	...	...	...	£17

### EXTRACT FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	1954			1955		
	M	F	T	M	F	T
Live births (legitimate)	12	12	24	5	7	12
(illegitimate)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Still births	—	—	—	2	—	2
Deaths (all causes)	4	2	6	6	4	10
Deaths of infants under 1 year	1	—	1	—	—	—
Infantile mortality rate	41·6			0·0		
Birth rate (per 1,000 of Pop.)	19·2			9·4		
Still birth rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	0·0			142·8		
Death rate (per 1,000 of Pop.)	4·8			7·8		

# CAUSES OF DEATH.

	1954			1955		
	M	F	T	M	F	T
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	—	1	—	—	—
Syphilitic Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	1	—	1	2	1	3
Coronary Disease, Angina	—	—	—	1	—	1
Other Heart Disease	—	1	1	1	1	2
Other circulatory Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other defined or ill defined diseases	1	—	1	1	—	1
All other accidents	1	1	2	1	—	1
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Total—All Causes	4	2	6	6	2	8

## MALIGNANT NEOPLASM:

	1955		
	M	F	T
Stomach	—	—	—
Breast	—	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	—	2	2
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Total	—	2	2

## Presteigne Urban District

Age Periods	Diphtheria Immunisation	Whooping Cough Inoculation	Vaccination
	1955	1955	1955
Under 1 year	—	—	14
Age 1 year	14	14	—
Age 2 years	—	—	—
Age 3 years	—	—	—
Age 4 years	—	—	—
Age 5 — 9 years	—	—	—
Age 10 — 14 years	—	—	—
Age 15 plus	—	—	—
Total	14	14	14

### Section B.

GENERAL PROVISION of HEALTH SERVICES for  
THE AREA.

LABORATORY FACILITIES. The Public Health Laboratory in Hereford provides the necessary facilities for the area. Special facilities are available at a private Laboratory in Gloucester.

CLINICS. The County Council hold the Child Welfare Clinic on the first Tuesday in each month at the Memorial Hall. This is very well attended.



